

**Introduced by Senator Negrete McLeod**

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An act to amend Section 680 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1132, as introduced, Negrete McLeod. Healing arts.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of various healing arts practitioners and requires a healing arts practitioner, as defined, to wear a name tag while working that discloses his or her name and license status in at least 18-point type, except as specified.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 680 of the Business and Professions Code  
2     is amended to read:  
3     680. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a health  
4     care practitioner shall disclose, while working, his or her name  
5     and practitioner's license status, as granted by this state, on a name  
6     tag in at least 18-point type. A health care practitioner in a practice  
7     or an office, whose license is prominently displayed, may opt to  
8     not wear a name tag. If a health care practitioner or a licensed  
9     clinical social worker is working in a psychiatric setting or in a  
10    setting that is not licensed by the state, the employing entity or  
11    agency shall have the discretion to make an exception from the

1 name tag requirement for individual safety or therapeutic concerns.  
2 In the interest of public safety and consumer awareness, it shall  
3 be unlawful for ~~any~~ a person to use the title “nurse” in reference  
4 to himself or herself and in any capacity, except for an individual  
5 who is a registered nurse or a licensed vocational nurse, or as  
6 otherwise provided in Section 2800. Nothing in this section shall  
7 prohibit a certified nurse assistant from using his or her title.

8 (b) Facilities licensed by the State Department of Social  
9 Services, the State Department of Mental Health, or the State  
10 Department of *Public Health Services* shall develop and implement  
11 policies to ensure that health care practitioners providing care in  
12 those facilities are in compliance with subdivision (a). The State  
13 Department of Social Services, the State Department of Mental  
14 Health, and the State Department of *Public Health Services* shall  
15 verify through periodic inspections that the policies required  
16 pursuant to subdivision (a) have been developed and implemented  
17 by the respective licensed facilities.

18 (c) For purposes of this article, “health care practitioner” means  
19 ~~any~~ a person who engages in acts that are the subject of licensure  
20 or regulation under this division or under ~~any~~ an initiative act  
21 referred to in this division.